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JUNE 1 ETHIOPIAN HERALD REPORTED MINISTRY OF INFO
AND NATIONAL GUIDANCE SPOKESMAN STATEMENT CRITICAL OF
IRAQI SEMI-OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER AL SAOURA ARTICLE FOR SUPPORTING
"DISMEMBERING ERITREA FROM ETHIOPIA". SPOKESMAN COUNTERATTACKED IRAQ'S TREATMENT OF KURDISH MINORITY AS
"SHAMEFUL RECORD OF HUMAN MASSACRE AND EXTERMINATION".
SPOKESMAN ALLEGED KURDS SUPRESSED BY FORCE OF ARMS
WITH HELP OF FOREIGN MERCENARIES, NOTABLY FROM EGYPT.
HE CONTINUED, EGYPTIAN COLONIZERS HAVE BEEN TRANSPLANTED
AND SETTLED IN LANDS OF EXTERMINATED KURDS. SPOKESMAN
STATED HISTORY REPEATING ITSELF IN SUDAN, WHERE PROGRESSIVES BEING SYSTEMATICALLY EXTERMINATED AND
REPLACED BY EGYPTIANS. IT MATTER OF RECORD, WHILE
IRAQ REGIME ADVOCATES SELF-DETERMINATION FOR
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"ERITREAN REGION OF ETHIOPIA", IT COULD NOT GRANT SELF-DETERMINATION TO KURDS. THIS TYPE UTTER HYPOCRISY OF REACTIONARY ARAB REGIMES NOT NEW PHENOMENON IN CONTEMPORARY HISTORY, SPOKESMAN ADDED. SPOKESMAN CAUTIONED IRAQ AND ITS REACTIONARY ARAB ALLIES TO MEND WAYS AND PUT OWN HOUSES IN ORDER BEFORE TRYING TO CREATE DISORDER IN OTHER LANDS.

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